

CLUBS AND BULLETS.

Brooklyn Police Have a Running Fight with Thieves.**Citizens Wakened by a Score of Pistol Shots.****The Marauders Escape After Seriously Wounding One Officer.**

The police of the Fourteenth Precinct, Brooklyn, had a desperate encounter with two thieves this morning, during which a score of pistol shots were fired.

The chase began at 2.15 o'clock. Police-man John Gerling was patrolling his post on Broadway, near Vandewater street, when his attention was attracted by the suspicious actions of two men on the opposite side of the street.

They had a horse already harnessed, and were hitching it to a grocery wagon owned by L. Gode, in front of whose store the wagon stood.

Gerling thought it rather early in the morning to begin delivering goods, and as he approached he called out to ask the men what they were doing.

One of the men turned around and struck the policeman under the left eye with some hard substance and caused severe bruising.

The man then ran a few steps and then turned around and fired a shot at the policeman and the other man.

Gerling pulled his revolver and blazed away twice, but as he was clamed from the horse he had received no effect.

Both men ran through Hall street towards the Fifth Precinct Station House.

A call from a patrol boy brought Police-men Hulse and another man, who were on their way to the station-house about three hundred feet from the scene.

Officer Hulse saw two men skulking along in the shadows of the buildings.

He called out to them, and they dashed past him. Hulse, who was on the wagon, called to catch the men.

Hulse and another officer chased them through Grove street, over the lot and into the street, and then they were seen running down Central avenue and about to capture one of the men, the latter turned around and fired a shot at the policeman.

The policeman, however, grabbed the man and handed him over to the lot with his gun. The man broke away, and drawing a revolver, fired at the policeman.

The policeman followed him, and drew his revolver and blazed away. Shot after shot was fired by the officer, while the man ran on, and the man ran on, and the man ran on.

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TRUSTED OFFICERS JAILED.

Erie Transfer Company's Manager and Treasurer Charged with Theft.**Said to Have Robbed the Company of \$10,000—How It Was Done.**

William W. Chandler, Jr., Manager, and Clement J. Chatter, Treasurer, of the Erie Transfer Company, whose office is at the foot of Chambers street, are prisoners at Police Headquarters.

They were arrested yesterday by Detective Sergeant Heideberg and McNaught, Chief Inspector Brynes' staff, on warrants issued by Justice White at the Tombs.

The prisoners are charged with collusion in defrauding the Company. They represent of about \$10,000, the alleged robbery covering a period of about six or seven months.

William H. Maginnis, President of the Company, came to Inspector Brynes last week and stated that the Company was being robbed of large amounts of money, and requested that officers be detailed to find the thieves.

The detectives were not long in discovering that Chandler and Chatter were on intimate terms, and often had private conversations with each other, which finally led to the disclosure which caused their arrest.

The beginning of the supposed robbery was a transaction in which Chandler, as Manager, is said to have suggested to Chatter, the Treasurer, the finding of a friend who would sign a receipt for the sale of a horse, which was to be sold to the Company.

This was done, and a check for \$500 was issued to the friend, who was a man named George W. C. Clarke, an Englishman, and who was to be paid for the sale of a horse.

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G. W. CLARKE BOBS UP AGAIN.

This Time His Mythical Defense Fund Scheme Gets Him in Jail.**\$5 a Head All Round from Gullible Newark Citizens.**

George Washington Clarke has gone over to Jersey to work his \$5 subscription scheme. He is in custody of the Newark police, who hold him for a time to allow about two hundred prominent citizens of that place to come forward and get justice on the man who has beguiled them of their five-dollar bills.

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JOHN H. DRAPER'S FUNERAL.

The Well-Known Auctioneer Will Be Buried To-Morrow.**After Simple Ceremonies He Will Be Laid in Trinity Cemetery.**

The Worth House, at 7 West Twenty-fifth street, is becoming noted as the last home of well-known men. It was there that John H. Draper, the County Democratic leader, died suddenly.

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MAILED IN EXPERT FORGER.

He Had Passed Many Spurious Checks Before the Police Caught Him.**Evidence of Bigamy, as Well as Forgery, Found in His Pockets.**

A well-dressed, prosperous-looking Englishman, with regulation mutton-chop whiskers of a sandy hue, was taken to Police Headquarters this morning from the Old slip station.

He was "looked over" and his picture was taken for the purpose of further adorning the fugitives' gallery.

Capt. McLaughlin and Detective Madden were a look of satisfaction. Their prisoner was a clever forger, who had not been nipped in time, would have made a hole in many a bank's surplus.

His name is Charles Ricketts. His residence he refuses to give. He has been in this country only ten months, and the police believe that he has been an offender on the other side of the water.

In the middle of last January Ricketts went to work as bookkeeper for the U. I. Davidge Fertilizing Company, at 121 Front street.

He was recommended by Rev. Dr. C. H. Tyndale, of the Broome Street Tabernacle, and his employer thought that he had secured an exemplary man. He was a good bookkeeper, and his habits seemed good.

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Mr. Davidge, who is President of the Company, declared him a few days after Ricketts went away a check turned up at the bank, which was drawn on the Davidge Fertilizing Company, and then he knew they were in a fix.

It was made payable to Charles Ricketts, and the amount was \$500. The check was dated July 15, 1889, and the amount was \$500.

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